



Smithsonian Institution

Office of General Counsel

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL: 64346-64989613@requests.muckrock.com

February 13 2019,

Michelle Malkin
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RE: Your Request for Smithsonian Records (request number 52039)

Dear Ms. Malkin:

This responds to your request received in this Office on November 27, 2018 for Smithsonian records pertaining to “the investigations of the May 26, 2017 noose found outside the Hirshhorn Museum and Sculpture Garden and the May 31, 2017 noose discovered inside the National Museum of African American History and Culture.”

The United States Park Police conducted the investigations of these two incidents. The U.S. Park Police is not subject to the Smithsonian Institution’s records disclosure policy. Accordingly, I have forwarded your request to the U.S. Park Police’s FOIA Officer for review and direct response to you.

Nonetheless, consistent with the presumption of disclosure in the Smithsonian’s records disclosure policy, please find enclosed incident reports created by the Smithsonian that are responsive to your request, which total fourteen pages. Please be advised that certain information has been redacted from the enclosed documents consistent with Smithsonian Directive 807-Requests for Smithsonian Institution Information (SD 807).¹ Personal information, such as the name, address, telephone number, and email address of a third party, has been redacted consistent with SD 807 under Exemption 6, where disclosure of such information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of a third party with no overriding public interest. In addition, please note that all camera footage has been withheld in full. To ensure the safety of Smithsonian premises, all security videos are withheld under SD 807 under Exemption 7(E).

This concludes the Smithsonian’s response to your request. Thank you for your interest in the Smithsonian.

¹ The Smithsonian responds to requests for records in accordance with its written policy Smithsonian Directive 807 – Requests for Smithsonian Institution Information and applies a presumption of disclosure when processing such requests. The policy is posted on our website at <http://www.si.edu/OGC/Records-Requests>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "David Larson".

David Larson
Assistant General Counsel

Enclosures

You have the right to appeal a partial or full denial of your request. Your appeal must be in writing, addressed to the Smithsonian Institution Office of General Counsel at the address below, and made within ninety days from the date of this response letter. Your letter must explain your reason(s) for the appeal. The Smithsonian Under Secretary for Finance and Administration will decide your appeal and will respond to you in writing. You also have the right to seek dispute resolution services from the Office of Government Information Services, within the National Archives and Records Administration.